

REMARKS

The specification is amended as noted. As is apparent, all of the amendments are for grammatical purposes or to conform the specification more clearly to the drawings.

Amendments are made to Figures 6-8, 15, 16, 20 and 22 as noted. A marked-up copy of such figures is provided to call the Examiner's attention to the requested changes. Formal drawings are provided with this Amendment. Approval and entry of the formal drawings is requested.

The claims are amended as noted.

No new matter is added by any of the foregoing amendments or the formal drawings.

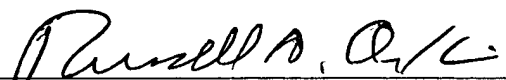
Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on U.S. Patent No. 6,050,064 to Yuyama, et al. The Examiner has stated that Claims 26-31 include allowable subject matter but are objected to because of the action taken with respect to claim 25. Claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 26. Claim 26 was cancelled without prejudice and the dependency of claim 27 was changed. Claim 25 and claims 27-31 should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the remaining rejection and allowance of pending claims 1-25 and 27-51 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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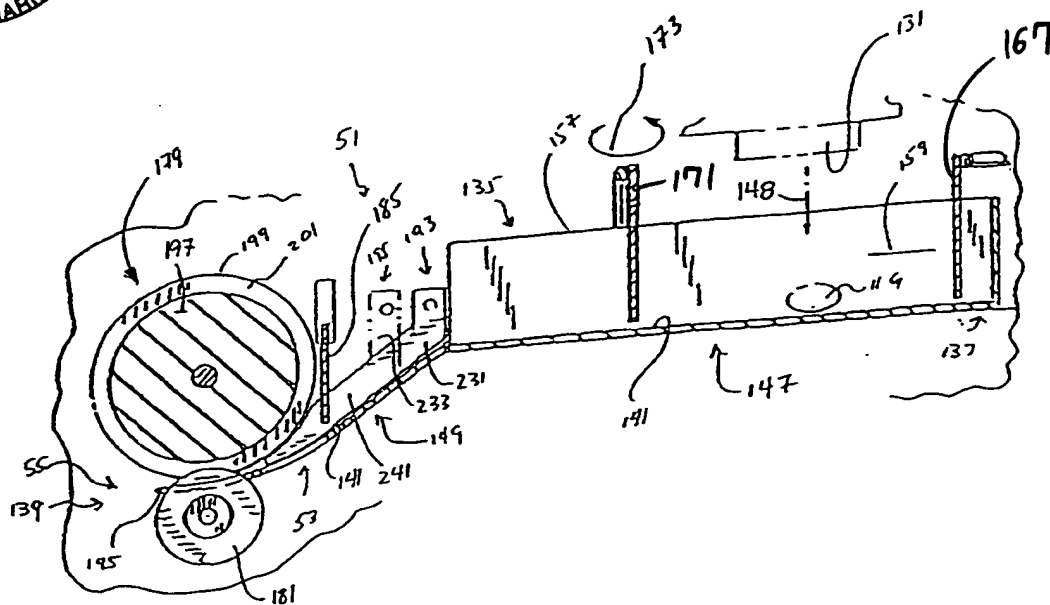
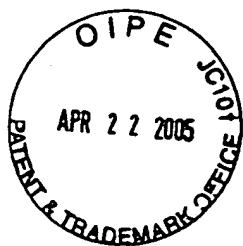


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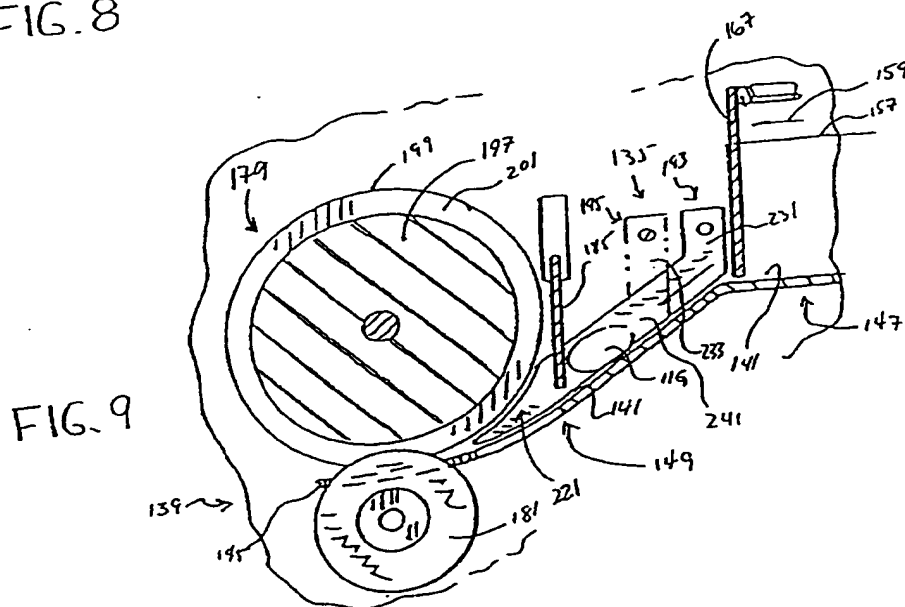


FIG. 9

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FIG. 15

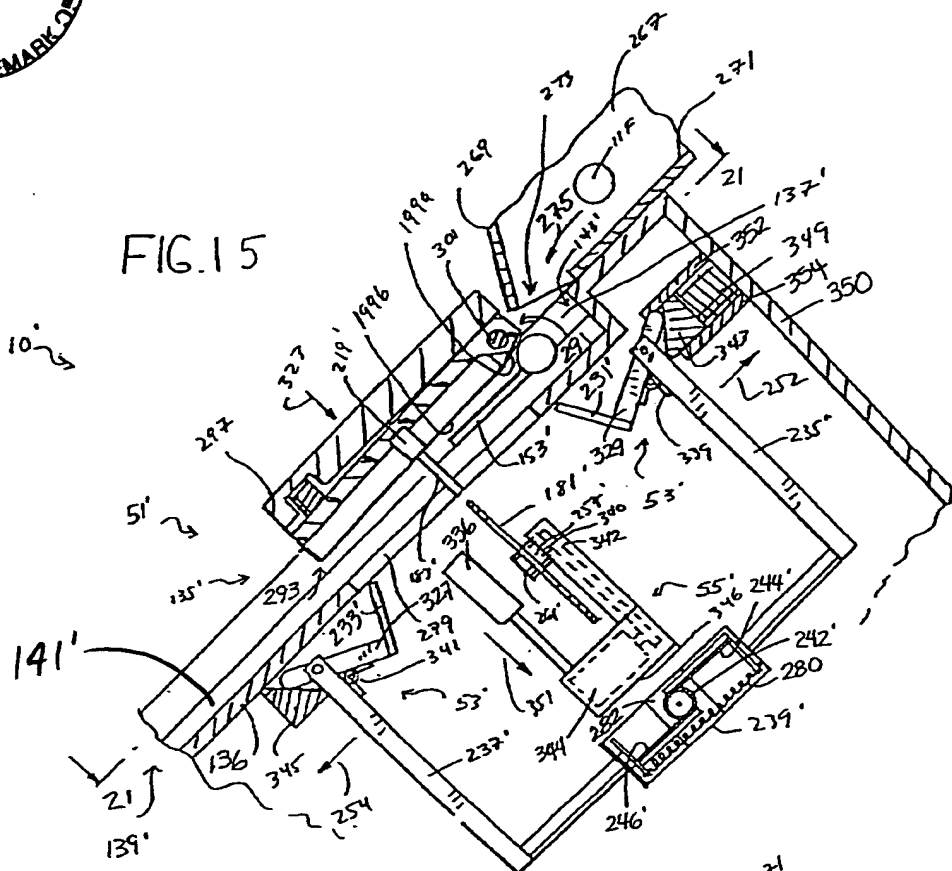
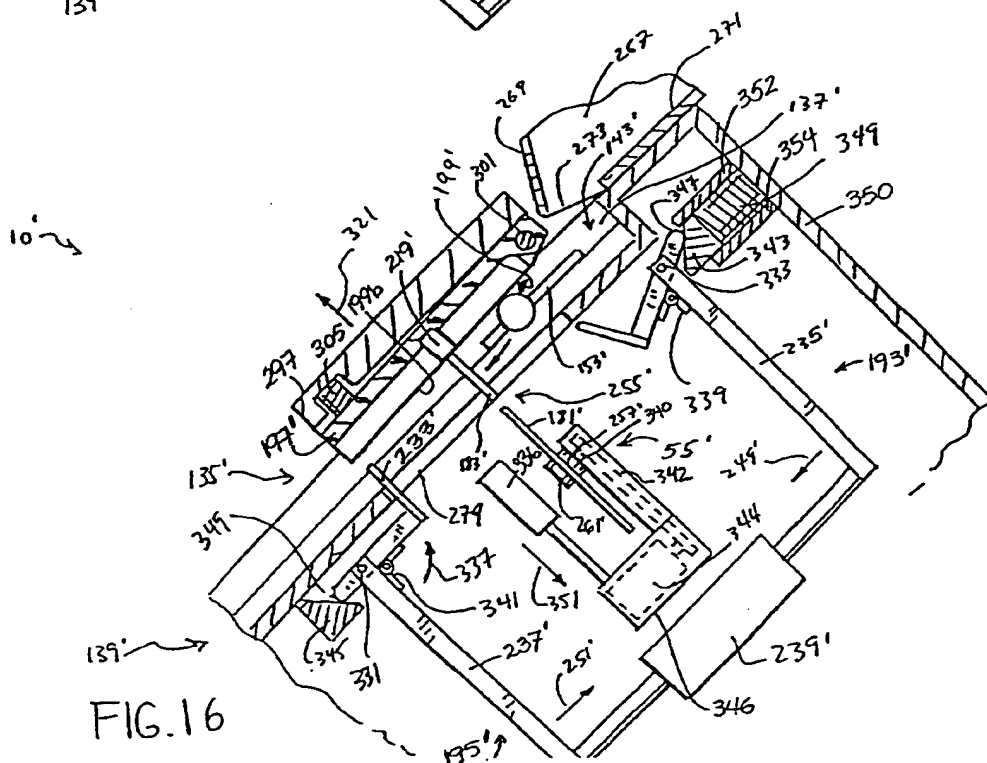


FIG. 16



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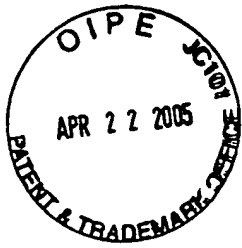


FIG. 20

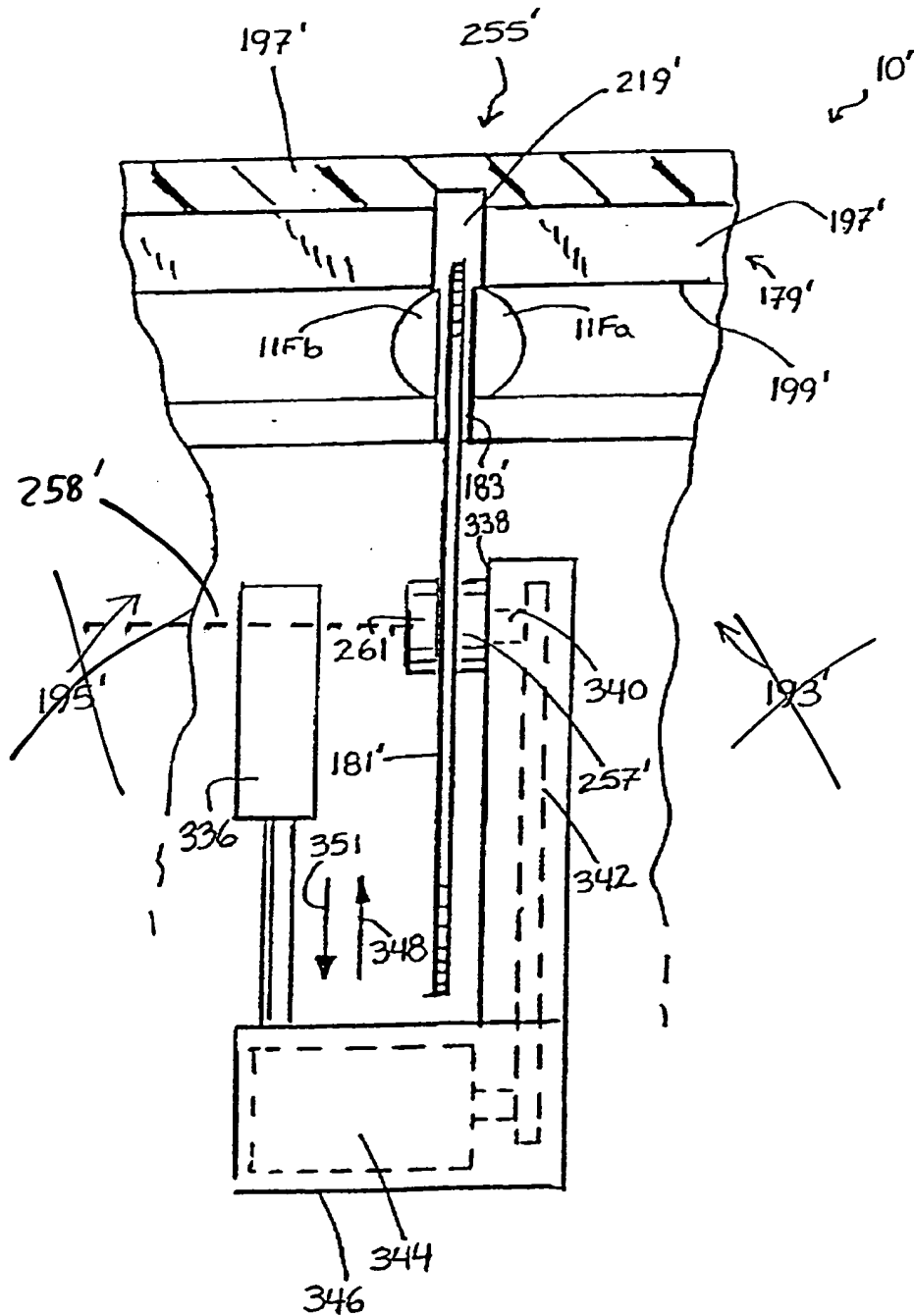




FIG. 21

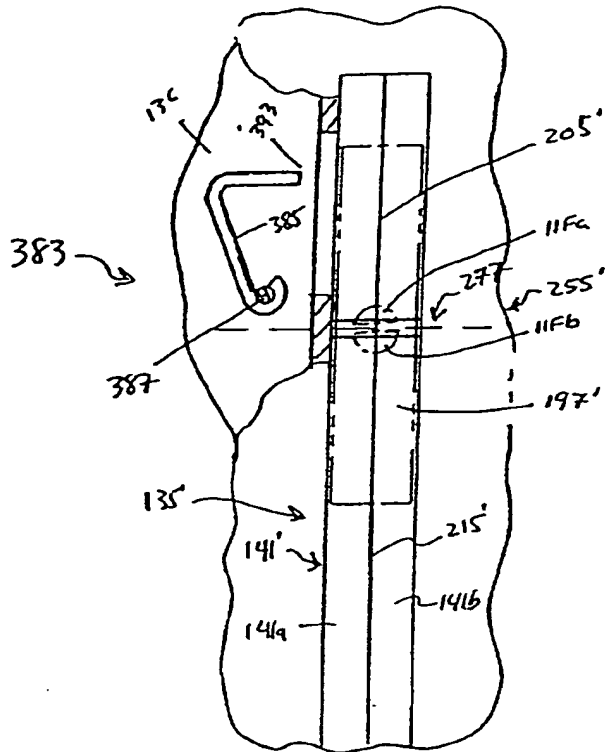


FIG. 22

